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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER
FROM: THE SITUATION ROOM
SUBJECT: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ITEMS

ISRAELI POLITICAL SITUATION: AMBASSADOR KEATING HAS REPORTED THAT ISRAEL IS AGAIN IN THE MIDST OF A POLITICAL CRISIS, THIS TIME BROUGHT ON BY THE AGRANAT COMMISSION'S REPORT WHICH CONDEMNED GENERAL ELAZAR BUT CLEARED DAYAN OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR FAILURES IN THE OCTOBER WAR. THE ISSUE OF MINISTERIAL RESPONSIBILITY IS BEING DEBATED AND ANTI-DAYAN FORCES WITHIN THE LABOR PARTY ARE GAINING STRENGTH. OPPOSITION TO DAYAN WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT COALITION COMES FROM ALLON, RABIN, YARIV, BARLEV, GALILI AND OTHERS, WHILE, OUTSIDE THE LABOR PARTY, LIKUD IS CALLING FOR NEW ELECTIONS.

NSA review completed

DAYAN'S RAFI FACTION MAINTAINS THE POSITION THAT IF RESPONSIBILITY FOR FAILURES IN THE WAR IS ASSIGNED AT THE POLITICAL LEVEL, THEN THE ENTIRE CABINET SHOULD RESIGN. IF RAFI WITHDRAWS ITS SUPPORT, PRIME MINISTER MEIR WILL NO LONGER COMMAND A PARLIAMENTARY MAJORITY. PRIME MINISTER MEIR, THEREFORE, FACES THE DILEMMA THAT IF SHE KEEPS DAYAN IN THE CABINET OTHER MINISTERS MAY RESIGN IN PROTEST, WHILE IF DAYAN GOES SHE WILL LOSE THE SUPPORT OF RAFI. THE CABINET WILL MEET NEXT TUESDAY TO DISCUSS THIS ISSUE AND THE KNESSET WILL DEBATE THE AGRANAT REPORT ON APRIL 11. (QUANDT/SAUNDERS)

State Dept review completed

DIA review completed

UN SPECIAL SESSION: IT APPEARS THAT DISAGREEMENTS CONTINUE WITHIN THE GROUP OF 77 ON THE SESSION, AS EVIDENCED BY THE CANCELLATION OF A SCHEDULED APRIL 4 MEETING OF THE CONTACT GROUP

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TO DISCUSS THE SUBSTANCE OF THE DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES AND PLAN OF ACTION.

AMBASSADOR SCALI HELD A LENGTHY CONVERSATION WITH THE ALGERIAN REPRESENTATIVE APRIL 3 WHO SUMMARIZED THE ALGERIAN VIEW AS FOLLOWS:

- ALGERIA RECOGNIZES THERE WILL NOT BE AGREEMENT ON EVERYTHING BUT WISHES TO AVOID A CONFRONTATION AND ENGAGE IN AN AUTHENTIC DIALOGUE.

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- DEFINITIVE SOLUTIONS ARE NOT EXPECTED BUT A NEW CLIMATE TO IMPROVE THE ECONOMIC ORDER SLOWLY AND THROUGH EVOLUTION NOT REVOLUTION.
- THE SESSION SHOULD NOT BE LIMITED TO THE ENERGY CRISIS WHICH IS ONLY ONE ASPECT OF THE OVERALL PROBLEM AND THE LESSER DEVELOPED COUNTRIES (LDCS) SHOULD NOT PRESENT THEIR DEMANDS IN A VIOLENT MANNER. THIS IS NOT A REVOLT.
- CARTELS FOR PRODUCER GROUPS OTHER THAN OIL PROBABLY CANNOT BE ACHIEVED BUT IT SHOULD BE POSSIBLE TO ESTABLISH RULES UNDER WHICH RAW MATERIALS WILL BE MARKETING.

WHILE RECOGNIZING THAT WE HAVE MUCH EXPERIENCE IN THE PAST THAT ALGERIA'S PUBLIC PERFORMANCE HAS NOT COINCIDED WITH EARLIER EXPRESSIONS OF COOPERATION, SCALI OBSERVES THAT THE ALGERIAN REPRESENTATIVE'S VIEWS WERE ENCOURAGING AND THAT HE SOUNDED SINCERE IN SEEKING A CONSTRUCTIVE OUTCOME OF THE SPECIAL SESSION. (HORAN)

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U.S. AIR FORCE GETTING OUT OF HAND IN THAILAND ON FORCE ADJUSTMENTS: AMBASSADOR KINTNER HAS PROTESTED THAT, WITHOUT CONSULTING HIM AND THUS GIVING HIM A CHANCE TO CONSULT WITH THE THAI GOVERNMENT, THE U.S. AIR FORCE ALREADY HAS BEGUN TO RECONFIGURE

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KORAT AIR BASE IN PREPARATION FOR MOVEMENT OF F-111'S THERE FROM TAKHLI AIR BASE. KINTNER SAYS ALSO THAT RUMORS ARE RIFE ON OTHER THAI AIR BASES WHERE WE ARE TENANTS AS REGARDS TO OUR FORTHCOMING FORCE WITHDRAWALS AND ADJUSTMENTS. THE AMBASSADOR ASKS THAT HE BE CUT IN ON DOD INSTRUCTIONS TO OUR MILITARY UNITS IN THAILAND TO ENABLE HIM TO CONSULT WITH THE THAI GOVERNMENT IN ADVANCE OF THESE CHANGES.

GIVEN THAI SENSITIVITIES AND SEVERAL PAST LAPSES IN THAILAND IN THIS REGARD ON OUR PART, WE FULLY AGREE THAT AMBASSADOR KINTNER NEEDS TO SEE THESE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT INSTRUCTIONS. (FROEBE)

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TERRORISM UPSWING EXPECTED IN ARGENTINA:

ARGENTINE AIR FORCE INTELLIGENCE BELIEVES THE PEOPLE'S REVOLUTIONARY ARMY (ERP) WILL LAUNCH A NEW OFFENSIVE OVER THE NEXT SEVERAL MONTHS TO DISRUPT THE PERON GOVERNMENT. THE PURPOSE OF THE OFFENSIVE WOULD BE TO FORCE FOREIGN CAPITAL TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY, THEREBY DISRUPTING THE GOVERNMENT'S PLANS FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. THE ERP REPORTEDLY WILL CONCENTRATE ON ATTACKS AGAINST PUBLIC UTILITIES AND SECURITY OUTPOSTS AND WILL STEP UP ASSASSINATION AND KIDNAPPING CAMPAIGNS. INCLUDED ON THE LIST OF TARGETS ARE FOREIGN BUSINESSMEN, DEPENDENTS OF ARGENTINE MILITARY OFFICERS, AND HIGH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS INCLUDING MRS. PERON (THE VICE PRESIDENT). TWO MEMBERS OF THE U.S. MILITARY GROUP HAVE RECEIVED PHONE THREATS AGAINST THEIR LIVES.

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OUR DEFENSE ATTACHE NOTES THAT THE ERP DOES HAVE THE CAPABILITY TO CARRY OUT SUCH THREATS AND DID TRY TO KIDNAP A SOUTH AFRICAN MILITARY ATTACHE LAST WEEK. SECURITY PRECAUTIONS FOR OUR TWO OFFICERS HAVE BEEN INCREASED. IT IS EXPECTED THAT SHOULD PRESIDENT PERON LEAVE ARGENTINA TO GO TO SPAIN, AS RUMORED, POLITICALLY INSPIRED VIOLENCE IN ARGENTINA WILL INTENSIFY. (LOW)

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